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Wilson Announces Funding of \$2 million for U.S. Highway 278

Tues. Feb 11, Washington, D.C. – “This is a huge victory for residents in and around Hilton Head Island and really the entire state of South Carolina,” said Rep. Wilson. “This has been my top funding priority since I was first elected in 2001, and I am so pleased to see my colleagues acknowledge this urgent need.”

“I’ve been working with House leaders for months, trying to convey the urgency of addressing the needs of Highway 278. The number of accidents and deaths that have occurred on the road in recent years is appalling, and in the event of a hurricane, the current time estimated for evacuation of over 20 hours is not acceptable. This is a matter of safety and security for the people of the Lowcountry.”

“I plan to continue fighting aggressively to secure additional funding for the project in the next round of appropriations. I look forward to working with the Beaufort County Council, current Chairman Weston Newton, and former Chairman Tom Taylor, who have provided invaluable leadership on this issue,” said Rep. Wilson.

Wilson Thanks Sam Johnson For Invaluable Service to America

Wed. Feb 12, Washington, D.C. – Rep. Wilson joined members of the U.S. House of representatives in honoring Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX), a Vietnam veteran and former POW who spent almost 7 years in captivity. Rep. Wilson is an original co-sponsor of H. Res. 62, which recognizes the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States of America Armed Forces who were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and calls for full accounting of 1,902 members of the Armed Forces who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict.

“I am confident that Congressman Johnson’s example will serve as inspiration to our pilots preparing for possible attacks against Saddam Hussein,” said Rep. Wilson. “His service demonstrated the highest virtues of patriotism and is humbling to me as a current member of the South Carolina National Guard and a source of pride as a father with three sons in military service who strive to replicate the Rep. Johnson’s heroic example.”

“The Congressman’s devotion should also serve as a reminder to all Americans of the support our servicemen and women deserve before, during, and after war,” added Rep. Wilson. “We must unite as a nation in support of our troops as we face a time of grave danger to our freedom from terrorists at home and abroad. We can rely on our troops’ dedication to protect our way of life. We need to do our duty to ensure they have the material and moral support they need to accomplish the difficult tasks ahead.”

Upcoming Events

Thursday 2/20: Lexington Medical Center Foundation’s 10th Anniversary Celebration

Friday 2/21: Tour / Luncheon – South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department





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Wilson Urges Congress to End Unfair Double Taxation on Dividends

Wed. Feb 12, Washington, D.C. – “I call for an end to the unfair double taxation on dividend income, because Americans know that it is fundamentally wrong to tax any income twice. That is why I have introduced H.R. 225, The Double Taxation Elimination Act of 2003, and I ask my colleagues to join me in stopping this unfair double taxation on dividend income,” said Rep. Wilson.

“Since 1990, stock ownership in the United States has doubled. Today in America, half of all households own stock and half of all dividend income is owned by seniors,” he added.

“Economists anticipate that the stock market will rise between 10 & 20 percent once this unfair double tax is eliminated. This creates more capital for spending and investment, which leads to job creation,” Rep. Wilson said.

“I thank President Bush and Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan for their support and leadership on this issue,” added Rep. Wilson.

Celebrating the Life of Dr. Kalpana Chawla

Wed. Feb 5, Washington, D.C. – “Dr. Kalpana Chawla died tragically aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia, along with six other crew members. Dr. Chawla was the first Indian-American woman in space, and an inspiration to the world,” said Rep. Wilson.

“Born in Karnal, India, she was the youngest of four children. Determined to achieve her dream of space flight, Kalpana was one of the first women ever to enroll in aeronautical engineering at India’s Punjab Engineering College. Later she immigrated to the United States in the 1980’s and was educated at the University of Texas and the University of Colorado.”

“Dr. Chawla joined NASA in 1988 with her first flight into space in 1997, as a mission specialist and a prime robotic arm operator. She is symbolic of the growing importance of Indian-Americans to our nation’s culture.”

“I join with my fellow House India Caucus Co-Chair Joseph Crowley, in extending to her family our sincere condolences. The people of the United States owe Dr. Kalpana Chawla a debt of gratitude for her bravery and good work, and join with the people of India in mourning her loss,” said Rep. Wilson.



Wilson Introduces Bill to Affirm Right to Self Defense

Wed. Feb 5, Washington, D.C. – “I have recently introduced H.R. 648, The Citizen’s Self-Defense Act. This bill garnered almost 80 co-sponsors last year. This bill would protect the right of citizens to use a gun in self-defense,” said Rep. Wilson.

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